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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on 12/27/93 This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
2. Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948.
3. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
4. Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152.
5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
6. _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. Claims 1-36 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims 97-10, 13, 14, 19-24 and 27-34 are withdrawn from consideration.

2. Claims _____ have been cancelled.

3. Claims _____ are allowed.

4. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15-18, 25 and 26 are rejected.

5. Claims 35 and 36 are objected to.

6. Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable. not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).

10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____ has (have) been approved by the examiner. disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____, has been approved. disapproved (see explanation).

12. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____

13. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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Election/Restriction

Claims 4, 7-10, 13, 14, 19-24 and 27-34 withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species. Election was made without traverse in Paper No. 4. Note that the species illustrated in figure 1 and described on page 9, line 25 to page 11, line 17 do not describe the use of a yarn having a tenacity greater than 10 grams per denier for one of the first and second wrappings.

Claim Objections

Claims 35 and 36 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot be dependent upon another multiple dependent claim. See M.P.E.P. § 608.01(n). Accordingly, these claims have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.

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Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15-18, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Bettcher ('251) in view of Robins et al. Bettcher ('251) discloses a cut resistant yarn as that claimed by the applicant with the exception of disclosing the use of Kevlar for the core fiber component and the first wrapping layer. Robins et al disclose a cut resistant yarn utilizing either Kevlar or Vectran liquid crystal polymer fiber. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to exchange the Kevlar in both the core and the first layer in Bettcher ('251) for Vectran liquid crystal polymer fiber in view of Robins et al so that the yarn produced may have a greater cut resistance as well as other property improvements. Note that the liquid crystal polymer disclosed in Robins et al would inherently possess the property of a tenacity which is no more than 10 grams per denier. If however, the liquid crystal such as Vectran does not inherently possess the property of having a tenacity of no greater than 10 grams per denier, it would have been obvious to select the type of Vectran M fiber which does have this property as a matter of engineering choice of materials having known properties

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depending upon the cost and properties desired in the final product produced from the yarn.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph J. Hail III whose telephone number is (703) 308-2687.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0771.



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